

ought to take place? I think it ought to be at Baltimore, & the Judge says in May, 1844. Who do you think now stands the best chance for that office? Is it possible for Mangum to get the nomination, etc., etc., etc. Badger has great influence with the Raleigh papers, & he is *very friendly* to Mangum. They could give him a start, and a start is all. Will you attend the Court at Oxford before going to Washington? I saw Batt Moore of Halifax a short time ago, who says that he will "set up" to the Locos upon any important question. It would be well for you to give him, from time to time, such information as you think will be of aid to our cause.

* * * * *

From James W. Bryan.

A.

Newbern

Oct. 25th. 1842.

We were much pleased to learn by Mr. Henry K. Nash that you were all well and also that you had located yourself comfortably and delightfully in Mr. Kirkland's house, which he purchased from the Rev. Mr. Green.

* * * * *

We have no news here. Our Bankrupt Court terminated it's Session on yesterday; a large number were emancipated from the Slavery of debt and seem to be in high spirits, etc. This is a law for weal or woe. Messrs. Palmer, Nash & Winslow were in attendance to represent the distant and non resident petitioners.

I suppose you will figure largely at Raleigh this winter before their mighty Locofoco highnesses. North Carolina has disgraced herself in this last election, and it will take a series of years and of triumphant Whig victories to atone for this shameful and disgraceful abandonment on the part of the Whigs of correct and manly principles. I shall, I think, eschew politics as being productive of nothing but chagrin and bitter disappointment and leave them to more ambitious aspirants.

I had made up my mind to decline a Candidacy for the Solicitorship of this District, but the Whigs and *some* of the Locos urge me to run & I suppose I must do so and thus add another to the many victims that are to be sacrificed by Loco foco misrule, to Whig supineness.

* * * * *